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Prelude: 'Erhalt uns Herr' By Johann Walther

Hymn of Invocation: 908 Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear

Order of Worship: p. 184

Introit

Psalm 70:2b; antiphon: vv. 1–2a



Make haste, O God, to de- | liver me!*

Make haste to help | me, O LORD!

Let them be ashamed and con- | founded:*

that seek aft- | er my soul.

Let them be turned backward and put to con- | fusion*

that de- | sire my hurt.



G Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

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Kyrie - Salutation *p. 186 ff*

Collect of the Day

P Almighty and merciful God, of whose only gift it cometh that Thy faithful people do unto Thee render true and laudable service, grant, we beseech Thee, that we may run without stumbling the way of Thy promises; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Sit

Prophecy

Isaiah 29:17–24

Thus says the Lord God: Is it not yet a very little while till Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field, and the fruitful field be esteemed as a forest? In that day the deaf shall hear the words of the book, and the eyes of the blind shall see out of obscurity and out of darkness. The humble also shall increase their joy in the Lord, and the poor among men shall rejoice in the Holy One of Israel. For the terrible one is brought to nothing, the scornful one is consumed, and all who watch for iniquity are cut off—who make a man an offender by a word, and lay a snare for him who reproves in the gate, and turn aside the just by empty words. Therefore thus says the Lord, who redeemed Abraham, concerning the house of Jacob: “Jacob shall not now be ashamed, nor shall his face now grow pale; but when he sees his children, the work of My hands, in his midst, they will hallow My name, and

hallow the Holy One of Jacob, and fear the God of Israel. These also who erred in spirit will come to understanding, and those who complained will learn doctrine,” says the Lord Almighty.

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalm 34:1, 2



I will bless the LORD | at all times;*
His praise shall continually be | in my mouth.
My soul shall make her boast in the LORD:*
the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad.

Epistle

II Corinthians 3:4-11

Brethren: We have such trust through Christ toward God. Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think of anything as being from ourselves, but our sufficiency is from God, who also made us sufficient as ministers of the new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life. But if the ministry of death, written and engraved on stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not look steadily at the face of Moses because of the glory of his countenance, which glory was passing away, how will the ministry of the Spirit not be more glorious? For if the ministry of condemnation had glory, the ministry of righteousness exceeds much more in glory. For even what was made glorious had no glory in this respect, because of the glory that excels. For if what is passing away was glorious, what remains is much more glorious.

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse of the Day

Psalm 90:1



C Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Alleluia. Lord, Thou hast been our | dwelling place in all gener- | ations. **Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel

Mark 7:31-37

P The continuation of the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

At that time: Departing from the region of Tyre and Sidon, Jesus came through the midst of the region of Decapolis to the Sea of Galilee. Then they brought to Him one who was deaf and had an impediment in his speech, and they begged Him to put His hand on him. And He took him aside

from the multitude, and put His fingers in his ears, and He spat and touched his tongue. Then, looking up to heaven, He sighed, and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” Immediately his ears were opened, and the impediment of his tongue was loosed, and he spoke plainly. Then He commanded them that they should tell no one; but the more He commanded them, the more widely they proclaimed it. And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, “He has done all things well. He makes both the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

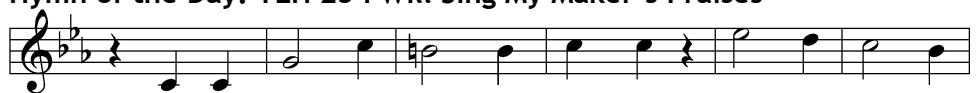
C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

The musical notation is a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of the following notes: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (half). The piece ends with a double bar line.

Nicene Creed

Sit

Hymn of the Day: TLH 25 I Will Sing My Maker's Praises



1 I will sing my Mak - er's prais - es And in Him most
2 Yea, so dear did He es - teem me That His Son He



joy - ful be, For in all things I see trac - es
loved so well He hath giv - en to re - deem me



Of His ten - der love to me. Noth - ing
From the quench - less flames of hell. O Thou



else than love could move Him With such sweet and
Spring of bound - less bless - ing, How could e're my



ten - der care Ev - er - more to raise and bear
fee - ble mind Of Thy depth the bot - tom find



All who try to serve and love Him. All things else have
Tho' my ef - forts were un - ceas - ing? All things else have



but their day, God's great love a - bides for aye.
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3 All that for my soul is needful
He with loving care provides,
Nor of that is He unheedful
Which my body needs besides.
When my strength cannot avail me,

4 When I sleep, He still is near me,
O'er me rests His guardian eye;
And new gifts and blessings cheer me
When the morning streaks the sky.
Were it not for God's protection,

When my powers can do no more,
Doth my God His strength outpour;
In my need He doth not fail me.
All things else have but their day,
God's great love abides for aye.

Had His countenance not been
Here my guide, I had not seen
E'er the end of my affliction.
All things else have but their day,
God's great love abides for aye.

5 As a father never turneth
Wholly from a wayward child,
For the prodigal still yearneth,
Longing to be reconciled,
So my many sins and errors
Find a tender, pardoning God,
Chastening frailty with His rod,
Not, in vengeance, with His terrors.
All things else have but their day,
God's great love abides for aye.

6 Since, then, neither change nor coldness,
In my father's love can be,
Lo! I lift my hands with boldness,
As Thy child I come to Thee.
Grant me grace, O God, I pray Thee,
That I may with all my might,
All my lifetime, day and night,
Love and trust Thee and obey Thee
And, when this brief life is o'er,
Praise and love Thee evermore. **A-men.**

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607-76; tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, cento
Tune: Johann Schop, c. 1590-1667

Sermon

Offering Hymn: 740 I Am Jesus' Little Lamb

Stand

Offertory *p. 192 ff*

Prayer of the Church [P] let us pray to the Lord: [C] **Lord, have mercy.**

Proper Preface

[P] It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus - Agnus Dei *p. 195 ff*

Sit

Distribution Hymns:

820 My Soul, Now Praise Your Maker /

618 I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table /

619 Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior /

554 O Jesus, King Most Wonderful /

696 O God, My Faithful God

Stand

Nunc Dimittis - Benediction *p. 199 ff*

Hymn to Depart: 805 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Postlude: 'Sollt ich meinem Gott' By Ernest Pepping

Looking Forward to Wednesday

Lessons: II Corinthians 4:5-10; Matthew 9:27-35
Hymns: 908-666-618-620-887

Looking forward to next Sunday (Exaltation of the Holy Cross)

Lessons: Numbers 21:4-9; Philippians 2:5-11; John 12:32-36a
Hymns: 837-454-439/422/438/467/425-455

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We Welcome Our Guests Today!

We're glad you've joined us in worship today. Please fill out a Visitor Card (located in the pew rack) and hand it to an usher or place it in the offering plate. We also ask that you read *"Our Practice Concerning Holy Communion"* printed below. Please visit our **Welcome Center** in the narthex and worship with us again soon.

Our Practice Concerning Holy Communion

In keeping with the tradition of the early Church and the Lutheran Confessions, we celebrate the Lord's Supper every Lord's Day. Because Holy Communion is an expression of complete unity of faith and doctrine, only members of St. Peter or a sister Missouri Synod congregation may commune. This is not a judgment of the faith of others, but rather an indication of our obedience to the Lord's command that those who kneel together at His altar be in complete unity regarding what they believe and teach. Your respect for our practice concerning the Lord's Supper is appreciated. Please talk to Pastor if you have any questions.

If communing with individual cup, please hold your empty cup until Pastor has passed you with the chalice. And please remember to fill out a Communion card.

The Gathering of the Offerings

God finances His church. The gathering of the offerings is, therefore, not merely collecting money. It is a holy privilege for those who believe in Jesus Christ. This is our opportunity to gratefully respond to God's love and grace by returning a portion of the gifts He has given us. As God's children, we consider it a special honor to build and extend His kingdom through our offerings. St. Paul writes, "God loves a cheerful giver" (II Cor. 9:7b NKJV). Our visitors and guests are in no way compelled to contribute to this offering. We ask nothing of our guests except that they return here often to hear more about God's great love in Jesus Christ, our Lord. If anyone wishes to give electronically, you may scan this QR code to set up an account.



Small Children

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 19:14). Jesus wants your little ones present with Him during our worship service. And so do we.

When you're little, it's hard to sit without fidgeting or making some noise. And of course babies join us with their songs, too! We consider their small voices to be a part of our sacred music as they learn with us what it is to be a Christian. We encourage their presence throughout the entire service.

If you feel that your children are being too disruptive, please feel free to take them to the nursery that is located on the other side of the Conference Room. A closed-circuit television will bring the service to you. An usher will be happy to direct you.

"Repetitio est mater studiorum: Repetition is the mother of all learning." The more they're here, the easier it will get.

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